

COUNCIL UPDATES

Jeff Bargielski joins us as a council member. He is the Librarian and Instructional Technology Specialist at Francis Howell Middle School in St. Charles, MO and a Reference Librarian at the University City Public Library. Jeff serves his school community through participation in various committees that navigate important building initiatives. He is a member of the Missouri Association of School Librarians, ALA and AASL. Jeff is an active member of his neighborhood, serving on the Board of Directors for both the Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association and the Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation. Jeff is interested in increasing collaboration between school librarians and other librarians in the area.

We also welcome **Brigid Dolan**, a Librarian in the Parkway School District. She is currently completing her fourth year as a school librarian at Parkway Central High School. Before this position, she taught English at Parkway South High School for six years, and before that she taught English at Duchesne High School in St. Charles. In addition to earning a Masters in Library Science, Brigid also holds a Masters in English. She decided to run for the St. Louis Regional Library Network because she values the professional development opportunities the group provides and sees it as a way to network with other librarians.

SLRLN Net News

Spring 2016

Successful Spring Speaker Series

Thank you to Emily Troxell Jaycox from the Missouri History Museum. Her presentation “How Rude- the Changing Forms of Polite Behavior” was illuminating and well-received by attendees.

The council decided to offer a luncheon this year as an alternative to our usual after-hours dinner and business meeting. We had a group of twenty-five stakeholders attend the presentation and business meeting.

The SLRLN members present selected Jeff Bargielski and Brigid Dolan to replace outgoing council members (see sidebar for bios).

Thank you to all that helped make the event a success. Did you enjoy the luncheon or prefer an after-hours event? We want to hear from you! Contact us via listserv at listserv@slrlnlist.org or email at slrln@amigos.org.



Message from the Acting President: Lynn Grimshaw Maitz

Congratulations to Heidi Vix on the birth of her second son! Heidi is already jumping back into action, and we look forward to seeing her at our next council meeting. In the meantime, I will continue to run the council as Acting President until July. Beginning in July, I officially become the President Elect and begin my term.

I am originally from Kansas, but I started my library career in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I hold a Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University with a concentration in school libraries. After volunteering for the East Baton Rouge Public Library, I accepted a position in Nashville, Tennessee as a Branch Manager. I decided to move a little closer to home and secured a position with St. Louis County Library. I worked for SLCL for several years until I was able to find the elusive school librarian position I had been seeking! I was pleased to become the Library Media Specialist for De Smet Jesuit High School three years ago. I look forward to serving you and welcome your suggestions and ideas. We have some exciting events planned for this summer and fall!

Summer Workshop: July 12

Plant the Seeds and Watch Them Grow: Cultivating Relationships with Your Library's Constituents

De Smet Jesuit High School

Tuesday, July 12, 10:00 am-1:30 pm

Are you looking for ways to build relationships with your faculty, students, patrons, or community partners? Learn how local academic, school, and public librarians Sarah Fancher (Saint Louis University), Katie Bava (John Burroughs School), Stacey Lewis (St. Louis County Library), and Alison Griffith (St. Charles City-County Library District) are doing just that. Strategies discussed will include targeted communication via print marketing, email messaging, and social media as well as building on shared interests by attending relevant events. Participants will also be introduced to the concept of using an "elevator pitch" as a tool for library outreach and leave the workshop with a draft elevator pitch directed at an audience of their choice.

Morning refreshments from St. Louis Bread Company and lunch from Crushed Red included.

Registration: \$25 for SLRLN members, \$40 for non-members.

Upcoming: Fall Workshop

SLRLN will host a fall workshop on digital storytelling. Please be on the lookout for more details on the website and listserv.

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